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MOST tiny daisies are
Not anything
Less dear than the great star,
Riding the west afar,
To their Mistress Spring.

Jupiter, the Pleiades
To her equal
With celandine and cress,
Stone-crop, freckled pagles
And bird's-eye small.

Since in her heart of love
No rank is there
Nor degree aught; hers is
The most willing service
And free of care.

Violets, stars, birds
Wait on her smile, all
Too soon must Autumn come,
Sheaves, fruit be carried home,
And the leaves fall.

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